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In re application of:  
Wise, Mark, et al                      DECISION ON PETITION  
Serial No.: 10/067,959  
Filed: February 5, 2002

For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING AND  
ACCESSING A HIERARCHICAL DATABASE IN A FORMAT OPTIMALLY  
SUITED TO REAL ESTATE

This is a decision on the petition received by fax on January 28, 2004, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 6, 2002. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned May 7, 2002. A notice of abandonment was mailed on January 26, 2004.

On January 28, 2004, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on April 2, 2002.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on April 2, 2002 with a certification of mailing dated March 26, 2002.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2171.

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